

Dear Barbara,

1/15/80

As you say in your 1/9, it has been a long time. The old clipping you enclosed reminded me that I had an envelope for you somewhere so I looked and found it and the answers to some questions you'd asked.

Old as it was the content of that clipping was interesting and new to me.

So again ~~thx~~ thanks for it and for the Chicago clipping. I never see Chicago stories and although in that case it was not new to me in the past it was often true that the Chicago papers published what was not in the Washington papers.

You may come to like the rural style of life. We do, much and hope you do. I hope it advances your husband's Kelly career as well.

I think you'd gone back to college. Complete it? If you didn't maybe you can do it there. In the future you may be sorry if you don't now.

You ask if I think ^{ed} Kennedy would make a good president. Compared with all the other candidates, far and away the best. However, I also believe that our present problems can't be solved now and for that reason I'm sorry he decided to run now. I'd have preferred having him around for the inevitable effort to reconstruct.

Anderson, I think, represents the minority of the Republican party who are its only hope unless we have an openly authoritarian government. I wish him well but think he'll do poorly because all the power and wealth is against him and because the party pols are really Neandethals.

Thanks and best wishes,